



Building a Brighter Future  
One Small Step at a Time



# Annual Report FY2016

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## President's Report

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be a member of the Board of Directors at the Children's Center for over five years.

The Children's Center has experienced tremendous growth with the addition of the Skowhegan, Gardiner, and the new Farmington center. The growth has allowed us to expand our services and increase the number of children and families receiving our services. Our communities have a great need for the services provided through our agency.

The Resource and Development Committee and the staff at the center have had a great fundraising focus this past year, which has greatly helped support these services. Our 2nd Annual Dinner & Auction continues to be a great success; only through the continued support of community members and businesses.

The 16th Annual Chili Chowder Challenge continues to successfully support the efforts of the center and provide a fun family event for our community. The success of the Auction and Chili Chowder Challenge has made it possible to break ground this spring for the new all-inclusive playground.

We will all cherish the moment when the first child accesses the new playground with childhood enthusiasm; a moment that the dedication of the staff and community will have made possible.

The staff, community and supporters of our agency make me proud to be a member of this wonderful organization.

*Julie A. Shephard*  
President of the Board

## Executive Director's Report

The Children's Center had a very busy year in 2016, which is clearly reflected in the numbers:

- ◆ 19 children in our Autism Program.
- ◆ 60 children in our Behavior Support Program.
- ◆ 40 children in Child Care.
- ◆ 80 children in Occupational Therapy.
- ◆ 30 caregivers in Parent Education & Support
- ◆ 9 children in Rehabilitative Community Support
- ◆ 65 in Special Education Settings
- ◆ 98 children in Speech & Language Therapy
- ◆ 235 children in Targeted Case Management

In particular, the number of children participating in our behavior support classrooms increased from 33 to 60 in one year. Most children in these classrooms have significant trauma experiences resulting in feelings of acute anxiety and anger, which often result in disruptive and sometimes aggressive behaviors. Our goal is to help those children find healthy outlets for their feelings and learn behaviors that will not harm themselves or others.

Substance use within families, the effects of prenatal drug use, mental health issues, and other challenges, sadly, impact many children in these programs. The increase in numbers reflects the problems children live with every day and perhaps more specifically, shows the increasing impact opioid abuse is having on our communities.

We anticipate 2017 will also be a very busy and exciting year. Our playground renovation will be completed by late summer. In early fall, we're leasing a portable building to allow for the addition of three classroom spaces.

Much of what we do for children and families is not possible without the generous support we receive from our central Maine community. Thanks to all of you that have helped us continue to provide services and support to very special children. We're very grateful.

*Jeff Johnson*  
Executive Director



*The Children's Center's vision is a world where communities, families and caregivers join together to create nurturing environments in which all children are embraced as unique and valued individuals.*

## Statement of Financials as of June 30, 2016

<b>Assets</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Cash	\$237,635	\$447,999
Board Restricted Cash	\$578,493	\$251,136
Accounts Receivable	\$266,269	\$356,912
Prepaid Expenses	\$43,376	\$18,734
Promise to Give for Use of Building/Land	\$147,649	\$170,162
Land & Building Held for Sale	-	\$59,855
Property & Equipment	\$866,422	\$924,911
Assets Restricted for Permanent Trust	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,141,344</b>	<b>\$2,231,209</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$15,481	\$13,808
Deferred Revenue	\$7,500	-
Accrued Liabilities	\$106,162	\$205,682
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$129,143</b>	<b>\$219,490</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Unrestricted		
Available for Operations	\$414,135	\$660,008
Board Designated	\$578,493	\$251,136
Net Investment in Property & Equipment	\$866,422	\$924,911
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<b>\$1,859,050</b>	<b>\$1,836,055</b>
Temporarily restricted	\$151,651	\$174,164
Permanently restricted	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Net Assets	\$2,012,201	\$2,011,719
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,141,344</b>	<b>\$2,231,209</b>



### Financial Highlights

Revenue by Source	2016	2015	Expenditure by Program	2016	2015
Program Fees	\$2,608,530	\$2,381,796	Education	\$2,706	\$(52,542)
Grants and Contracts	\$30,277	\$55,168	Specialized	\$347,154	\$209,447
Contributed Services	\$8,210	\$12,463	Therapy	\$21,699	\$5,125
Fundraising	\$62,752	\$47,760	Family Services	\$174,829	\$240,708
UW Contributions	\$73,417	\$75,778	Fundraising & Grants	\$46,209	\$35,058
Municipal	\$5,131	\$11,349	Other	\$(568,194)	\$(686,949)
Miscellaneous	\$9,823	\$8,668			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,798,140</b>	<b>\$2,592,981</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$24,402</b>	<b>\$(249,153)</b>



*The Children's Center's mission is to meet the needs of all children by offering quality programs that encourage individual growth, provide support for families, and promote inclusion in the community.*

## Children's Center Programs

**Parent Education and Support Groups:** Education and Support Groups allow parents and caregivers to learn about topics most relevant to raising a young child with special needs and seek support from others experiencing similar challenges.

**Rehabilitative Community Support:** Young children receive focused skill development in home and community environments in order to increase independence in functional living skills and promote consistency across all natural settings.

**Targeted Case Management:** Highly skilled professionals work directly with children with special needs and their families in the home and community by providing families with support and resources needed to access services.

**Child Care:** Full time child care for children six-weeks to five-years-old in inclusive early education settings from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. year round.

**Special Education Services:** Children participate in individualized instruction focused on pre-academic skills and kindergarten readiness in a specialized classroom or inclusive setting depending on strengths and needs of the child.

**Occupational Therapy:** Licensed Occupational Therapists and Certified Assistants provide children with positive, fun activities to help them develop in the areas of self-help, fine and gross motor skills, oral motor, and play.

**Speech and Language Therapy:** Licensed Speech and Language Therapists and Certified Assistants help children develop their speech, language, communication, and oral motor skills to promote success in other programs, services, and settings.

**Autism Program:** Children diagnosed with autism receive one-on-one treatment services in a specialized setting overseen by a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) in order to increase independence and readiness for an inclusive early education classroom and/or public school setting.

**Behavioral Support Program:** A Licensed Clinical Social Worker oversees the highly structured classrooms focused on specific skills related to emotional regulation, behavioral management, and/or interpersonal skills for children with a behavioral health diagnosis in order to improve their ability to participate in a less restrictive environment.

## Children's Center Board of Directors FY2016

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